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LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

September 29, 1999

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby  
advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S.  
application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus  
may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as  
prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the  
Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the  
above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101.

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Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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